(b) whether the Government propose to introduce similar air-taxi services in other parts of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM(SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Air Taxi operators are free to operate to any airport within the country open to scheduled operation. These are private sector companies and are likely to operate Air Taxi services based on their commercial judgement.

Upgradation of Post Offices in Andhra Pradesh

7150. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices available in Andhra Pradesh category-wise at present;

(b) whether the Government propose to upgrade these post offices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of post offices available in Andhra Pradesh, category-wise at present is given as hereunder:-

Head Post Offices =	104
Departmental Sub post Offices=	2390
Extra-Departmental Sub Post Offices=	62
Extra-Departmental Branch Post Offices=	13665

(b) No, except to the extent indicated against (c).

(c) A proposal to upgrade Lakkavaram Extra-departmental Branch Post Office in Amolapuram Division as a Departmental Post Office is under examination.

Resignation by Pilots of Indian Airlines

7151. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilots granted permission by the Government to leave the job in 1991 and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government propose to make pilots service conditions more attractive;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) In 1991, two pilots had resigned form Indian Airlines; one of them due to personal reasons and the other to join Air-India.

(b) to (d). The service conditions of the pilots are negotiated between the Pilots' Association and the management of Indian Airlines from time to time.

Water Cavities Below Ground Level

7152. SHRI PRATAP SAI : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have developed new methods to find out water cavities below ground level to measure the inflow of water;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total outlet of water every day and the methods adopted at present in order to have safety in mining?